

Campus 'outrage' absurd

Has our campus started to blow things out of proportion?

At what point does one say "enough is enough?" Is there a particular time when we stop and tell ourselves that we've gone too far? Growing up, there always seemed to be an impediment, some type of blockade to tell us when

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out of my posterior. Since we go to one of the top academic institutions in the country, one might expect the population to be a little more intelligent than most, while having some awareness of reality.

And here we are. One may think that we went too far in going to war with Iraq. Or maybe society went too far when chunks of hair from dead celebrities started appearing on eBay. Or how about referring to a hair-style as "he hates me?" Of course, I was fine with all of this. "It's just the general public doing what they do best," I said. And here we are.

Just because Wake Forest is isolated from the town of Winston-Salem doesn't mean we're isolated from stupidity. In one corner, we have teachers fighting students. In another, a piece of bronze and stone that's being blamed for racist sentiment on campus. HELLO!?! Have we all gone mad? This plaque has been described as an "outrage" and an "insult," yet I didn't even know that it existed until last week, and I'm sure that goes for a lot of people (of course, I didn't know we even had a building named Tribble until a few days ago—stupid midterms). And concerning the Watts/

Lyles showdown, where do I begin? If I say anything about Dr. Watts, I'm just going to get condemned, and if I mention Mr. Lyles (or Mr. Tandan for that matter), I'll end up with a bunch of 10-syllable words I don't understand. Point is boys and girls: this may be the indication that we've blown things out of proportion. But then again, maybe we haven't gone far enough. Maybe this really is a dilemma. Perhaps we should tear down the school, start from scratch in an environment that is less racially-agitated. Greene, Reynolda, Winston? Gone.

All the bricks? Too homogeneous for my taste. And while we're at it, get rid of most of the professors. A good portion of them have seen or been raised in an environment that could have possibly, maybe, once or twice, second-hand, taught them about the racial climate of the 1930s. I know I wouldn't want my kids being taught by these people. Outrage indeed.

Enough? Can it stop? Please? Why can't we all just get along? I miss the good ol' days of talking about where the Chi-O's have gone, or how great our football team is (though I think I'll be missing that for a while now). Enough is enough. We need to move on.

Sure we could continue to clash about this. We could even fight this with conventional weapons. But that could take years and cost millions of lives. No, I think we have to go all out. I think that this situation absolutely requires a really futile and stupid gesture be done on somebody's part. And that somebody is me. Just wait ...

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Source of lies unmistakable

Lies from the left cause trouble for patriotic Americans.

Senator Edward Kennedy has called the Iraqi conflict a "fraud." Almost all the Democratic nominees for President question going to war, and all of them blame Bush for misleading the American people. The blame game goes on, but at

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least another year, and a full 70 percent of Iraqis believe their country and personal lives will be better in the future than it was under Saddam Hussein. This should not be surprising as few respondents knew anyone killed in the spring fighting, while half of them knew some family member, friend or neighbor who had been killed by the old Iraqi security forces.

But, my friends, I do not fault you for falling into the deep abyss of liberal lies. After all, how are you supposed to know better when nobody knows about the 10,000 schools American "imperialists" have rehabbed and the "back-to-school kits" that were delivered to Iraqi children?

Why should you know that it only took us two months to set up an independent central bank (an essential first step to reconstruction)? It's not like it took three years, as it did in 1945 Germany. How often do you hear about the functioning Iraqi police force that we put together in the same two months? Heck, it took fourteen months to do this in Germany.

It also took fourteen months to establish a working cabinet in Germany. But, why should we think that we have made good progress by establishing an Iraqi cabinet in a mere four months?

The anti-war crowd had no historical perspective when they objected to the war, and they continue to fail at grasping such a perspective post-war. It took until 1955 to restore Germany's sovereignty. While it is highly unlikely it will take that long in Iraq, it is ridiculous to claim that Iraq will be stable enough to enjoy full sovereignty in a couple of months.

But go ahead! Spew your un-American rhetoric about how the U.S. is not capable of reconstructing Iraq effectively. In the meantime, I'll be listening to people of Iraq like Taha Bedawi, mayor of Fallujah, who said, "The tension is reducing every day. We are seeing a change. People are starting to realize that the soldiers are not here to occupy Fallujah forever—they're here to help us rebuild."

The negativism of the left will never outshine the hope and optimism symbolizes America. We will prevail, and we will not fall for such a deceitful mantra. And the world will be better because of our resolve!

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the expense of the truth. Lucky for you, there are people like me who will not stand for the real "fraud" that is being committed by the left.

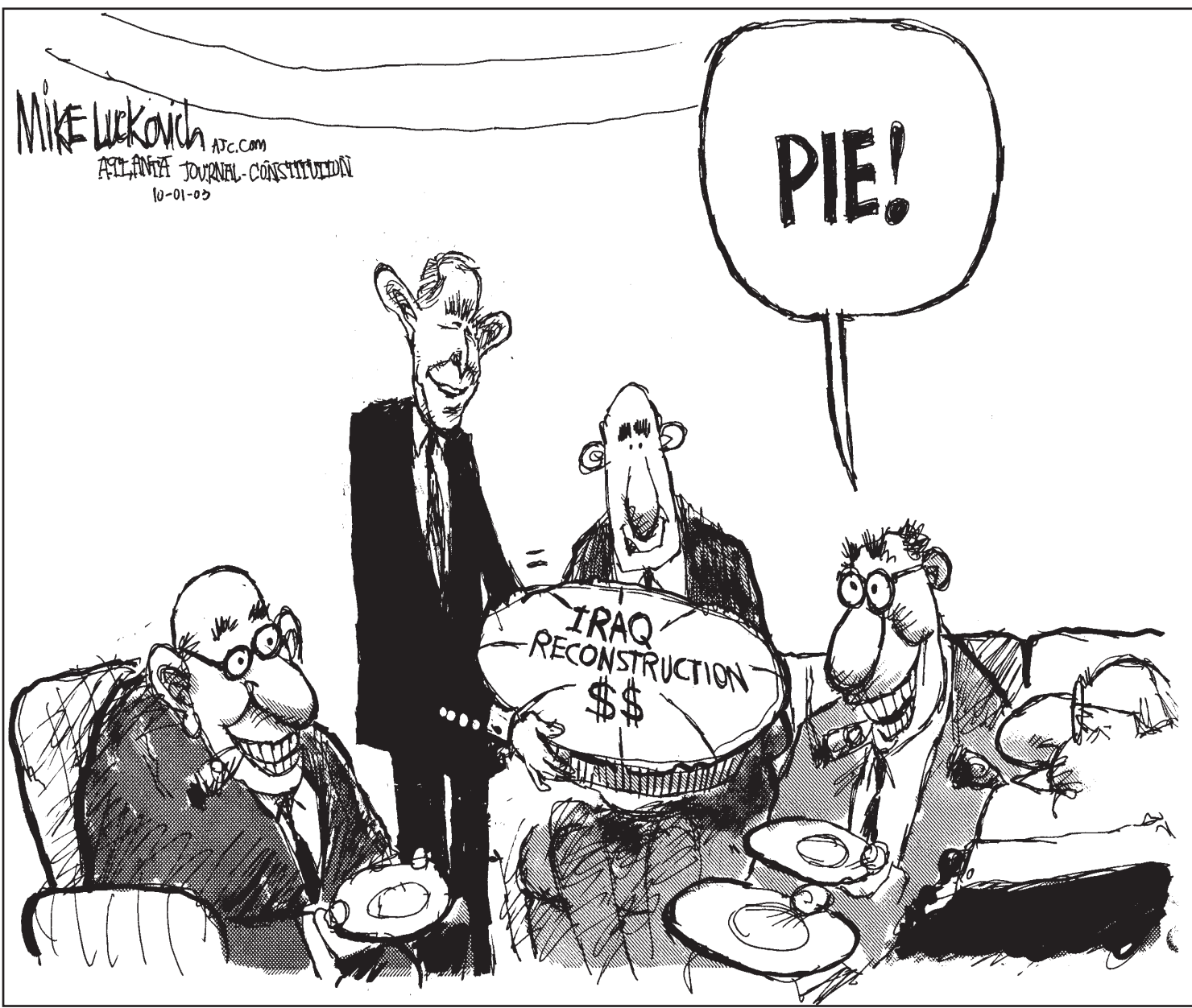
If you were to listen to a Democrat or a news reporter (sorry, I guess that was a little repetitive), you would think the U.S. was not making any progress in post-war Iraq. You would be under the impression that the trouble we face in Iraq is every bit as large as what we faced in Vietnam. You would be misled into thinking your country is a failure. So let's put to rest this fraudulent rhetoric that sacrifices the safety of American troops and Iraqi citizens while selfishly promoting personal leftist agendas.

No one ever said there would not be further resistance in Iraq. President Bush stated in his speech on the USS *Lincoln* "that parts of (Iraq) remain dangerous." The anti-Bush crowd tries to say that we were misled about the extent of resistance in Iraq. They clearly did not listen to the President when he repeatedly told this country that we should expect a long, dangerous struggle. I, for one, was not misled, nor was anyone who knows how to listen.

They would also like you to think that we are being attacked constantly throughout Iraq. They are consciously lying to your face and, through their false reports, giving resisters more confidence to carry out attacks. What you will not hear in these incredibly spun accounts is that the resistance we face is predominantly from localized attacks in central Iraq between Baghdad and Tikrit—Saddam's traditional stronghold.

Furthermore, democrats will not tell you that a recent poll conducted by Zogby International found that most Iraqis believe the U.S. will help Iraq over a five year period. After all, more Iraqis would like to model their country after the US than after Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iran or Egypt.

Moreover, two-thirds of the respondents would like to see the U.S. remain in their country for at



Conservative criticism rankles liberal 'apologist'

The cornerstones of liberal ideology are non-negotiable and lead to a better world.

I apologize for voting for Nader – I apologize for costing the Democrats the White House, even if Gore still won my state and all its electoral votes. I should have known that he was a candidate without a chance, and even though my feeling on the issues mimicked his the most closely, I should have fallen into line and voted

possibly millions of lives from dangerous air-born pollutants.

I apologize for protesting against the WTO, the World Bank, NAFTA and the Free Market Economy – I should know better than to try and stop multinational corporations from exploiting people in poorer socio-economic climates than the United States. It would be better for us to rape and pillage their cultures and work force so that we can earn a larger profit.

I apologize for supporting stem cell research. A woman's body is not her own, and she should know better than to abort a child – supporting stem-cell research only means that I support the murder of thousands of innocent lives in hopes of saving other lives.

I apologize for my continued speak-out against the drug war. It is foolish of me to think that we should instead be investing money to grow the economy of countries that produce drugs rather than bombing the crap out of them. I should also realize that the best way to reform a drug criminal is to put him in federal prison, a.k.a. the den of steamy man-love, so that he has a criminal record, cannot get another job, and must commit a more severe crime.

I apologize for not supporting the death penalty – not only is it the greatest deterrent for violent

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crime in America, it is also the best way for us to deal with overpopulated prisons.

I apologize for wanting to stop paying for public schools with property taxes – everyone who attends any school gets the same opportunities as anyone else, whether the school they attend has the programs needed to keep them interested and motivated or not. Pouring more money into public schools will only be a disservice to the children living in the suburbs.

I apologize for Affirmative Action – this form of reverse racism is the worst crime committed by the American majority ever. I should know better than to try and give minority students an enhanced chance to attend institutions of higher learning: GPA, SAT, and GRE scores are obviously the best measure of your character and worth as a person.

I apologize for corrupting your classrooms. I

should be silent, and petition the university to hire more "conservative" professors in hopes of diversification. I need to come to terms with the fact that my professors are poisoning my mind and creating sympathy towards communists, terrorists, and every other threat to American prosperity.

I apologize for disgracing the Presidency – I should know that somebody's personal life should be open to the public and that only someone with few morals could ever possibly have sex out of wedlock.

I apologize for not having joyful sex. Ann Coulter was right when she claimed that my sexual pleasure was inferior to that of conservatives, I should have known it all along and will now seek to chastise myself for my future sexual enjoyment.

I apologize for all these things, but I am not sorry for them. I am liberal, this is what I believe, and I will not allow you to tell me that I am wrong simply because I am a liberal. You will cite your factual evidence, and I will cite mine, and in the end neither of us will live long enough to know which one of us is right or wrong, and I am fine with that.

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for Gore: or, better yet, Bush. Everyone knows that it's better to vote for a winner anyway.

I apologize for supporting the Kyoto Protocol. I should have known that it would cost the world's economy hundreds of billions of dollars in short-term costs in favor of thousands of years of better living conditions and while saving